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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **LYTTELTON PORT RECOVERY PLAN IS MILESTONE IN PORT DEVELOPMENT**

The Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan (LPRP), released today (19 November 2015) by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee, is a milestone in the Port's development.

"It provides the framework for the future," said LPC Chief Executive Peter Davie. "The LPRP is critical for planning how we meet the forecast increase in customer exports and imports. Lyttelton Port is a vital strategic asset with an essential role in Canterbury's growth and the recovery of Christchurch. The LPRP provides certainty on how our infrastructure repairs, rebuild and development will provide a Port to service the region over the next 30 years.

"We want to thank those who have made significant contributions to the LPRP. This includes Environment Canterbury (ECan), Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) and the Christchurch City Council (CCC), Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils.

"It is also important to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by the community. Many residents were highly engaged in the process and their feedback was thoughtful and overwhelming positive. We appreciate the time and effort they put into it.

"The robust public consultation process undertaken by ECan also deserves special acknowledgment, as does its delivery of the draft LPRP to the Minister.

"The journey ahead is exciting as we start the largest development in the Port's history. The LPRP provides a unique opportunity to deliver a modern, thriving Port that is well connected to the community and supports a healthy harbour environment for future generations."

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